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What Others Say:

Real Undercover Organization

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That cloud of secrecy cloaking the operations of CIA agents is even denser than we thought.

The American people, of course, don't know anything about what goes on. Congress has been trying unsuccessfully for quite a while to penetrate its workings. Even the State Department, with which the CIA is supposed to be collaborating in various sensitive areas of the globe, has been embarrassed by some of the activities the CIA has carried out in secret, on its own.

And now we have a statement from a recent boss of the outfit, Allen Dulles.

Commenting in the course of a television program on modern espionage, Mr. Dulles said that the CIA differed from the Soviet intelligence apparatus because, "as far as I know, we don't engage in assassination and kidnapings and things like that."

As far as he knows?